

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day designating the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense and honoring military men and women of the United States of America; and,

Whereas, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of May of each year, and recognizes the men and women of America who have served and are now in service to our country throughout the world; and,

Whereas, This day is set aside for citizens to express their deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by those in our military in defense of this great nation and have allowed all citizens to live in freedom; and,

Whereas, By working together as citizens and soldiers, we create hope in a free world, demonstrating that our faith and ideals of freedom will continue to prevail through a combined effort of dedication to security, strength and preparedness; and,

Whereas, The unselfish acts of generations of America's military men and women have laid the framework for a strong nation, and will continue on through future generations because of the great efforts and wisdom of those who are now in a position to protect and preserve the principals we hold dear; and,

Whereas, There are thousands of men and women throughout the state of South Dakota who have met the greatest demand of citizenship, which is honorable military service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2006, as

ARMED FORCES DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

